



April 8, 2020
Manchester-by-the-Sea Board of Health
COVID-19 Update

Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea COVID-19 Case Report and Updates

COVID-19 CASE COUNT

Manchester Positive Case Number as of April 8, 2020: 9

In order to protect the privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has asked that towns only publicly share **positive** case numbers.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health: "In order to protect privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health only publicly shares positive case numbers and deaths by county. We understand that many boards of health find value in sharing community-specific data as part of a risk communication plan and to keep the public informed about the scope of the local public health effort...please do so with the highest regard for privacy and confidentiality **by not including any information other than the case count.**"

Each **Wednesday** the Board of Health will continue to release an update on the COVID-19 cases in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

On April 3, 2020 the C.D.C. issued a recommendation about wearing **cloth face coverings in public settings**. This recommendation was made after considering recent studies that have shown individuals with the virus who lack symptoms can transmit the virus to others. *CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings including places where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (such as grocery stores and pharmacies)* especially in areas of significant community- based transmission. It is critical to emphasize that the mask recommendation **does not replace social distancing**, stay at home measures, and handwashing recommendations that remain in effect. Social distancing, staying at home except for essential travel, and hand hygiene remain vitally important to slowing the spread of the virus. Visit [CDC Guidelines on Face Covering](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0403-face-coverings.html)

At this time, the Board of Health advise all residents to adhere to the recommendations implemented by the Town and State in order to keep numbers low in the community and to stop the spread of COVID-19. Practice social distancing, stay 6 feet apart, avoid groups larger than 10 and follow the guidelines of [www.mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidelines), www.cdc.gov, and www.manchester.ma.us



TOWN COVID-19 UPDATE

- Annual Town Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, June 22, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School.
- Town Election has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School.
- Personal Property Tax, Real Estate Tax and Exemption Requests have been extended to June 1, 2020 due to new legislation and has been approved by the Board of Selectmen. For Tax questions contact Town Treasurer Jennifer Yaskell at yaskellj@manchester.ma.us or (978)526-2030. For Exemption questions contact Town Assessor Ginny Thompson at thompsong@manchester.ma.us or (978)526-2010
- ALL Town Parks, Beaches, Athletic Fields and the corresponding parking lots have been closed since March 22, 2020 due to COVID-19 related guidance. *Failure to adhere to these restrictions will result in a fine.*
- DPW has made an update to trash collection guidelines due to COVID-19. All trash must be ENTIRELY contained within a tied orange bag. Nothing must be sticking out. For collector safety any bag not following these rules will be oops tagged, reported to the WM call center, and left behind. It will not be picked up as a missed collection. Large curbside items need to be called into WM as a special collection: 1-800-972-4545

COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PLAN

All COVID-19 related information will continue to be conveyed to the public through the Town website (www.manchester.ma.us), email alerts, Town social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), the Manchester Cricket and reverse 911 calls (when necessary). Residents are encouraged to follow at least one of these mediums to stay informed.

The Board of Health and Board of Selectmen will update the public daily (as needed) when new guidelines are released from the State or when important changes occur to Manchester-by-the-Sea operations and services.

If you have further questions for the Board of Health please contact Ellen Lufkin at lufkine@manchester.ma.us or (978)526-7385

The Manchester Police Department and Council on Aging are assisting residents who need delivery of local groceries and prescriptions. To make a request please contact the Police Department at (978)526-1212.